

FACT SHEET

**WITHDRAWAL OF DIRECT FINAL RULE FOR NATIONAL EMISSION
STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS: MISCELLANEOUS ORGANIC
CHEMICAL MANUFACTURING**

TODAY'S ACTION

- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is withdrawing the direct final rule published in the Federal Register on July 1, 2005 that would have amended its toxic air pollutant rule for miscellaneous organic chemical manufacturing.
- The EPA issued direct final rule amendments to clarify initial compliance requirements and provide industry with an additional compliance option. The direct final rule amendments to 40 CFR part 63, subpart FFFF, clarified the compliance requirements for flares, amended the procedures for correcting outlet concentrations when supplemental gases are used with combustion devices, and extended the vapor balancing alternative to cover liquid transfers from barges to storage tanks. The direct final rule also specified requirements for effluent from control devices.
- We subsequently received adverse comment on the amended control requirements for wastewater effluent from scrubbers controlling affected process vents. We are withdrawing the corresponding parts of the direct final rule. We will address the adverse comment in a subsequent final action based on the parallel proposal published on July 1, 2005.

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

- This action will not alter the stringency of the standards and have no adverse health or environmental impacts.

WHO WILL BE AFFECTED BY EPA'S FINAL RULE?

- Chemical manufacturing facilities.

COSTS OF WITHDRAWING DIRECT FINAL RULE

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- There are no costs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION . . .

- For further information about the final rule amendments, contact Randy McDonald of EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-5402. The final rule amendments can be accessed from the Clean Air Act Amendments bulletin board of EPA's Technology Transfer Network (TTN) at the following Internet address:
<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/caaa/t3pfpr.html>.
- For further information about how to access the TTN, call (919) 541-5384.